(b) what are the measures taken to safeguard the small scale sector's interests in the matter of disbursement of credit by banks and FIs.; and

(c) whether the recommendations of the Nayak Committee examining the issue of credit and sickness pertaining to small scale units submitted in 1992, has been studied by Government and if so, what follow-up measures have been initiated so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) A Committee was appointed by RBI under the Chairmanship of Shri P. R. Nayak, the then Deputy Governor of RBI, to Examine the Adequacy of Institutional Credit to the SSI Sector and Related Aspects in 1991. The major recommendations of the Nayak Committee have been incorporated in the credit policies issued by RBI subsequently. A special package of measures of financing of small scale industries has been incorporated in the Credit Policy issued in April 1993. Reserve Bank has issued detailed guidelines to commercial banks on various aspects of finance to SSI sector. With a view to ensure that the disbursement of credit is not delayed, banks have been instructed to adhere to the time limit for disposal of applications. While applications upto a credit limit of Rs. 25,000/- should be disposed of within a fortnight, those for over Rs. 25,000/- should be disposed within 8 to 9 weeks from the date of receipt. Requests for increase in limits should be considered expeditiously and decision should be taken promptly in any case within 6 weeks. Further all cases of rejection/curtailment of limits to SSI units should be looked into by the next higher authority so as to ensure that the entrepreneurs are not put to unnecessary hardships Besides RBI have also advised the banks to open specialised SSI branches to cater to the needs of SSI units.

(c) Recommendations of the Nayak Committee pertaining to issue of credit to sick SSI units have been examined by Reserve Bank and necessary instructions issued to Banks reiterating the already issued instructions besides modifying the definition of sick SSI units etc. For tackling the problems of industrial sickness in SSI sector and rehabilitation of sick SSI units RBI had issued guidelines in February 1987 and the same were modified in June 1989. Subsequent to the acceptance of Nayak Committee recommendations, RBI has issued detailed guidelines in this regard containing, *inter alia*, revised definition of sick SSI units, viability norms, incipient sickness as also reliefs and concessions from banks/financial institutions for implementation of packages in the case of potentially viable units. In the field of credit, a normative supply of working capital to the minimum of 20 per cent of the projected annual turnover of the SSI sector has been stipulated. Banks and State Financial Corporations have been designated specially to meet the credit requirement of SSI Sector in 85 districts where these units are concentrated through single Window Scheme. Dedicated and specialised bank branches to cater exclusively to SSI units have also been recommended by the Committee and accepted by the RBI

Re-training facilities under National Renewal Fund

701 SHRI B K. HARIPRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether many workers in public sector affected by restructuring have not yet been provided the social safety net through National Renewal Fund;

(b) the number of centres set up under NRF to offer re-training facilities to affected industrial workers that are operational; and

(c) the number of workers who have been retrained so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The National Renewal Fund has been set up by Government to provide a social safety net to workers affected by modernisation, technology upgradation and industrial restructuring of industrial units. It would, *inter-alia*, provide for workers' compensation payments, counselling, retraining and redeployment of rationalised workers. Assistance from the National Renewal Fund has been made available to Central Public Sector Undertakings for implementation of the Voluntary Retirement Scheme, as well as for worker retraining/redeployment schemes.

(b) Five Employee Assistance Centres had been set up initially under the National Renewal Fund for undertaking activities relating to counselling, retraining and redeployment of rationalised workers. Similar facilities have been extended by Ministry of Labour through six Advanced Training Institutes and 15 Industrial Training Institutes. 30 additional locations have been identified recently for setting up of Employee Assistance Centres.

(c) As on 28-2-1995, 1015 rationalised workers have been imparted retraining at the five Employee Assistance Centres.

Estimated motor cars available to public

702. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have estimated the actual number of motor cars to be made available to Indian public by the end of the century;

(b) whether Indian road conditions are preventing the new car projects to come up; and

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No specific estimate has been made by Govt. regarding production of cars.

(b) and (c) Judging by the response from major global car manufacturers for tie-ups in India, it does not appear that Indian road conditions are preventing new investments in car projects.

उद्योगों की स्थापना हेतु लाइसेंस जारी किया जाना

703. **प्रो० राम बक्श सिंह वर्मा :**

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान देश के विभिन्न राज्यों में, विशेषकर उत्तर प्रदेश में उद्योगों की स्थापना हेतु कितने औद्योगिक लाइसेंस जारी किए गए हैं ;

(ख) इन लाइसेंसों को जारी किए जाने के संबंध में तिथिवार तथा राज्यवार ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा आठवीं-पंचवर्षीय योजनावधि के दौरान देश के पिछड़े क्षेत्रों में उद्योगों की स्थापना करने हेतु क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है?

उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती कृष्णा साही) : (क) उद्योग (विकास तथा विनियमन) अधिनियम के प्रावधानों के तहत वर्ष 1992